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Substantive Claim Rejections

The substantive claim rejections of claims 1, 4-6, 11-13, 17, 20, 25-31, 33, 34, 37, 44-46, 49-51, and 55 are moot since these claims have been withdrawn from consideration in their original form.

Applicant withdraws these claims from consideration in order speed along issuance of other claims that the Office indicates are allowable or would be allowable if re-written into independent form.

Applicant reserves the right to reintroduce these claims at a later date.

Conclusion

All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Office is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dated: 8-11-04

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